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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 15 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.

4223rd meeting

Security Council
Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. No exit without strategy

Letter dated 6 November 2000 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2000/1072)

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON GENERAL ISSUES ON SANCTIONS

4 p.m.-
7 p.m.

11th meeting
(closed)

Conference Room 7

Presentation by Mr. David Malone, President, International Peace Academy (on Clusters II and III), and by representatives of the Secretariat

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

9.30 a.m.

5th meeting

Conference Room 1

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items: request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by Equatorial Guinea (A/55/237 and Add.1) [8]

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| 10 a.m. | 62nd plenary meeting | General Assembly Hall |
| 3 p.m. | 63rd plenary meeting | General Assembly Hall |
1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [105]: for the sole purpose of taking action on the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the protocols thereto
 - (a) Report of the Ad Hoc Committee (A/55/383 and Add.1)
 - (b) Draft resolution (A/55/383, paragraph 121)
 2. Special session of the General Assembly in 2001 for follow-up to the World Summit for Children [42]
 - (a) Report of the Preparatory Committee (A/55/43 (Parts I and II))
 - (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/429)
 - (c) Draft resolution (A/55/L.34)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m.-
1 p.m. | 34th meeting | Conference
Room 2 |
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1. Macroeconomic policy questions [92]
 - (a) Trade and development
Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.29
 - (b) Commodities
Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.28
 2. Sectoral policy questions [93]
 - (b) Business and development
Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.32
 3. Environment and sustainable development [95]
 - (d) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States
Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.30
 - (f) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005
Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.31
 4. Sustainable development and international economic co-operation [94]
Action on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.5

5. Environment and sustainable development [95]

Action on the following draft resolutions: A/C.2/55/L.6 and L.33; A/C.2/55/L.9 and L.27; A/C.2/55/L.11 and L.26

6. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [98]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.7 and Rev.1

7. Operational activities for development [96]

Conclusion of the item

8. Globalization and interdependence [100]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.16

FIFTH COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m.-
1 p.m. | informal consultations
(closed) | Conference
Room 5 |
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- Informal consultations on agenda item 115 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/55/5 (Vol. I, III, IV) and Add.1-12, A/55/80 and Add.1, A/55/380 and Add.1, A/55/364 and A/55/487))
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| 3 p.m.-
6 p.m. | informal consultations
(closed) | Conference
Room 3 |
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Informal consultations on agenda item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/55/11 and Corr.1))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. 29th meeting Trusteeship
Council Chamber

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [164] (A/55/37, A/55/179 and Add.1 and A/C.6/55/L.2)

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-second session [159]

introduction and action on draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.6 and Corr.1 (programme budget implications contained in A/C.6/55/L.21)

Establishment of the International Criminal Court [162]

Introduction and action on draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.11

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. 30th meeting Trusteeship
Council Chamber

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [161] (A/55/26)

Introduction and action on the report and draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.9

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE
AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-
1 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 10

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 10

Subject

Report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

WORKING GROUP

3.30 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Economic and Social
Council Chamber

SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 15 November 2000, there will be meetings of interested delegations on draft proposals, as follows:

Conference Room E: A/C.2/55/L.10 (item 94 (c)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room D: A/C.2/55/L.17 (item 95 (a)), from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.; and A/C.2/55/L.18 (item 99), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and

Conference Room A: A/C.2/55/L.15 (item 95 (a)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for this consultation.

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet today, 15 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Secretariat of the United Nations.

Wednesday, 15 November 2000

GROUP OF 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

2 p.m.-
2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 5

There will be a meeting of the JUSCANZ Group (Second Committee) *today*, 15 November 2000, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room B.

AFRICAN GROUP:

GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Conference
Room 9

There will be a meeting on the United Nations Mission in Guatemala (MINUGUA), organized by the delegation of Guatemala, *today*, 15 November 2000, from 4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Announcement

As from Thursday, 2 November 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Announcement

The Web site of the Netherlands Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: <http://www.un.int/netherlands>.

Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 16 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.	64th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	65th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [59]

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 3
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 28th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	31st meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 1

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

The 3rd meeting of the Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 182 (Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit) will be held on Tuesday, 21 November 2000, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 1, to consider a Conference Room Paper (A/55/CRP.1) entitled "Elements for a draft resolution on the follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit submitted by the President of the General Assembly".

The Conference Room Paper is available in all official languages of the United Nations in room S-2925.

*Informal consultations on agenda
item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of
humanitarian and disaster relief assistance
of the United Nations, including special
economic assistance)*

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items, conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg), will take place on Monday, 20 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

Informal consultations on agenda item 18 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples), which will be considered in plenary, will be convened by the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (Papua New Guinea) on Tuesday, 21 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

There will be a briefing to launch the final report of the World Commission on Dams, entitled "Dams and Development: A New Framework for Decision-Making", under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Second Committee, on Friday, 17 November 2000, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The speakers will include Mr. Klaus Toepfer, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme; Professor Kader Asmal, Chairman of the Commission and Minister of Education of South Africa, and Mr. Achim Steiner, Secretary-General of the World Commission on Dams.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representative of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

The 12th meeting of the resumed first substantive session of the Preparatory Committee for the High-Level Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development will be held on Thursday, 16 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The 2nd meeting of the Credentials Committee will be held on Monday, 4 December 2000, at 10 a.m. Delegations that have not submitted credentials are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rule of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420A).

SECURITY COUNCIL

The Security Council Working Group on General Issues on Sanctions will meet Thursday, 16 November 2000, from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. (12th meeting) in Conference Room 7, to discuss the draft recommendations concerning the improvements of the effectiveness of United Nations sanctions.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 2000

The proposed informal consultations to consider the recommendation contained in the report of the fifth special session of the Commission on Human Rights (E/2000/112-E/CN.4/S-5/5 and E/2000/112/Add.1-E/CN.4/S-5/5/Add.1) have been postponed until Monday, 20 November 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoela (Lesotho), on Tuesday, 21 November 2000, at 10 a.m. sharp, in Conference Room 9.

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (6 to 16 March 2001). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Women, the girl child and HIV/AIDS; and (2) Gender and racial discrimination. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (Room DC2-1259), no later than Thursday, 30 November 2000.

**United Nations Convention to Combat
Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious
Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa**

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The fourth session of the Conference of the Parties will take place from 11 to 22 December 2000 in Bonn, Germany. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 18 to 20 December. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment will be open from Monday, 20 November, through Tuesday, 5 December. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the technical Secretariat of the Conference in New York (Ms. June Chesney: tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: chesney@un.org). The list will be reopened in Bonn on Monday, 11 December (telephone and fax numbers to be announced).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Bonn on Monday, 11 December.

The provisional agenda and organization of work for the session is contained in document ICCD/COP(4)/1 and can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site (<http://www.unccd.int>).

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*on Fifth Committee matters*) on Thursday, 16 November 2000, from 2 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

There will be a closed meeting of the African Group Ad Hoc Working Group on Thursday, 16 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on the draft resolution regarding item 37 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the special session of the General Assembly in this regard) will be held on Thursday, 16 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on agenda item 47 (Assistance in mine action) will be held on Friday, 17 November 2000, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Seton Hall University School of Diplomacy and International Relations are jointly organizing a workshop in their Series on the Art of Public Speaking for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday and Friday, 16 and 17 November, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 10 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

54th, 55th and 56th meetings

Note: The summary of the 54th, 55th and 56th meetings of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2000/223)

Tuesday, 14 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4221st meeting

The situation in Georgia

Report of the Secretary-General concerning the situation in Abkhazia, Georgia (S/2000/1023)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2000/32).

4222nd meeting

The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Austria and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In the absence of objection, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the

Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Jean-Marie Guéhenno, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The Council heard a briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, China, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, Argentina, Canada, Tunisia, Bangladesh, Jamaica, Malaysia, Mali, Ukraine, Namibia and France (speaking on behalf of the European Union and the Central and Eastern European countries associates with the European Union - Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia - and the associated countries, Cyprus and Malta, as well as Norway, EFTA country member of EEA, which aligned themselves with the statement).

Statements were then made by the representatives of Austria and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

Mr. Guéhenno responded to comments and questions posed by members of the Council.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

61st plenary meeting

Election of one member of the Economic and Social Council: letter from the Permanent Representative of Greece addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/55/523) [15 (b)]

The attention of the General Assembly was drawn to a letter from the Permanent Representative of Greece addressed to the President of the General Assembly, by which Greece

announced that it would relinquish its seat on the Economic and Social Council for the years 2001 and 2002, in favour of Malta (A/55/523).

On the first round of balloting, having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Malta was elected a member of the Economic and Social Council for the remaining two-year term of office beginning 1 January 2001.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 15.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: draft decision (A/55/L.4) [18]

The Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft decision A/55/L.4.

The General Assembly adopted draft decision A/55/L.4.

Members were informed that the date for the observance of the fortieth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples would be announced at a later date.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 18.

The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina: draft resolution (A/55/L.31) [45]

The representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.31.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Croatia, Bangladesh, France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Ukraine, Malaysia, Turkey, Egypt, the Russian Federation, Slovenia, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Pakistan.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/55/L.31 (resolution 55/24).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 45.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that it would consider the reports of the First Committee on Monday, 20 November 2000, in the afternoon.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 27th meeting

Questions relating to information [87]

The Committee concluded its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Singapore, Myanmar, Mongolia, Egypt, Qatar, Bangladesh, Togo, Jamaica (on behalf of the 14 Member States of the Caribbean Community), Croatia, Pakistan, Ethiopia, the Syrian Arab Republic, Belarus, Gabon, Portugal (on behalf of the Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries), Angola, Brazil, Ghana, Algeria and Cameroon.

The observer of the Organization of the Islamic Conference made a statement.

A statement was made by the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, draft resolutions A and B and the draft decision contained in document A/55/21.

The representative of Armenia made a statement.

The Committee concluded consideration of agenda item 87.

Organization of work

The Acting Chairman made a concluding statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

28th meeting

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [164]

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco, the Lao People's Democratic Republic (on behalf of ASEAN), Madagascar, China, Sri Lanka, Cuba, Pakistan, Iraq, the Philippines, Slovakia, Saudi Arabia, Guatemala, the Sudan and Lebanon.

Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts [155]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.15

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

A statement was made by the representative of Israel in explanation of position after the adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 155.

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives [156]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.8 (and Corr. 1)

Nigeria and Thailand joined as sponsors of the draft resolution, as amended.

The representative of Mexico made a statement in explanation of position before the adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 156.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL**International Covenant on Economic,
Social and Cultural Rights****COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS**Twenty-fourth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2000

56th meeting

Opening of the session

The twenty-fourth session was declared open by the Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Adoption of the agenda [1]

The Committee adopted its provisional agenda, as amended (E/C.12/2000/9).

Organization of work [2]

The Committee discussed and adopted its programme of work (E/C.12/2000/L.3).

57th meeting

Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights [3]

The Committee held hearings of non-governmental organizations with respect to reports scheduled for consideration at the current session.

TUESDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 2000

58th and 59th meetings

Consideration of State party reports [6]

The Committee began its consideration of the third periodic report of Portugal (E/1994/104/Add.20). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.**[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]**

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Heavy Metals. Aarhus, 24 June 1998

*Ratification: Switzerland (14 November 2000)**

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Aarhus, 24 June 1998

*Ratification: Switzerland (14 November 2000)**

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

United Nations Television Forum

The fifth annual United Nations World Television Forum on the theme "TV@Globe//Adding Values in the Digital Era" will take place on 16 and 17 November 2000. The Forum will be opened by Mr. Kensaku Hogen, Under-Secretary-General for Public Information, on Thursday, 16 November 2000, at 10.15 a.m. in Conference Room 4. Following opening statements by Mr. Harri Holkeri, President of the General Assembly, and Mr. Gerhard Pfanzeller, Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, the Forum will engage in a dialogue with the Secretary-General, Mr. Kofi Annan. The Forum will then hold a discussion on "How Are Television and News Media Bridging the Digital Divide?" Workshops/ roundtables on innovative programming in news and education will be held in the afternoon, followed by a roundtable on television and social advocacy. The Forum will continue on Friday, 17 November, in the morning, with additional workshops and a roundtable devoted to innovative programming in sports, the radio model and digital visionaries. The closing meeting of the Forum will take place in the afternoon. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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DPI/NGO Briefing

At this week's DPI/NGO Briefing, the Executive Director of United Nations Volunteers (UNV) and other speakers will give a briefing on the aims and objectives of the International Year of Volunteers, 2001, on Thursday, 16 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Auditorium. The briefings are organized by the Department of Public Information. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Yvonne Duncan, NGO Section, Department of Information (tel.: (212) 963-1285).

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Special event

In observance of the International Day for Tolerance and to mark the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World, a special event on the theme "Creating Peace Through Arts" will take place on Thursday, 16 November 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The event is sponsored by UNESCO, the NGO Peace Caucus and 2001 (a People's Conference on Peace). Opening remarks will be made by Ms. Nane Annan and Mr. Alfatih Hamad of UNESCO, followed by a roundtable to be introduced by Mr. Olara Otunnu, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the UNESCO Office of Public Information (tel.: (212) 963-5986).

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